

You see, Veterans Day is where we have an opportunity to thank the few who have answered their Nation's call to defend us from enemies at home and abroad.

These are the men and women who will walk through the gates of hell to stand up against evil and danger so we do not have to.

Veterans don't ask for much, so it is not a hard holiday to celebrate. A simple "thank you" will do just fine.

But I want to ask the American people to never forget the sacrifices that these fine men and women and their families make for us. And as a Nation, we must keep our promises we made to these defenders of freedom.

Veterans love our American flag. It represents the greatest Nation in the history of mankind. Fly it proudly. Simply put, be proud to be an American. For a veteran, that is thanks enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CAROL J. LANCASTER

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Carol J. Lancaster, the visionary educator, public servant, and trailblazing dean of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, who passed away last month.

Born to working-class parents during the Second World War, Lancaster became the first in her family to attend college. At Georgetown University, she became one of the first women to earn a bachelor of science degree from the School of Foreign Service. Following graduation, Dean Lancaster was awarded a Fulbright fellowship to study at the Universidad de San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia, adding Spanish to the five additional languages she would learn in adulthood. Lancaster later earned a doctorate in international relations from the London School of Economics in 1972.

After teaching in England and following a series of prestigious fellowships, she was called to serve in the U.S. Department of State as a member of the policy planning staff, and in the early eighties she became Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs at the State Department. During the Clinton administration, she served as Deputy Administrator of USAID. In every position, she focused her time and talent on creating a better world for all our children.

At the end of her government service, Lancaster's commitment to building the next generation of global leaders compelled her to teach at the Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she inspired students, encouraged scholars, strengthened diplomacy, and authored numerous books and articles for more than 30 years. At Georgetown, Lancaster motivated a new generation of young leaders, thinkers, and problem

solvers to soar to greater heights and tackle today's challenges with vigor, compassion, and courage.

Mr. Speaker, her legacy of excellence continues to echo through Georgetown's community. Georgetown University President Jack DeGioia noted that Lancaster "provided extraordinary leadership as dean of SFS and was a leader and a professor contributing in countless ways to our community through her vision and scholarship. Moreover, the joy and dedication that Carol brought to her work inspired us all to be the very best versions of ourselves," he said.

Chairman of the Foreign Service School's Board of Visitors, my husband, Paul Pelosi, noted that as the first woman and first alumnus to become dean of the School of Foreign Service, she "was renowned for her commitment to her students; she demonstrated both intellectual curiosity and courage and had a profound effect on the way we think about global development. Carol will be remembered as a pioneering woman in international affairs and a stalwart champion of human dignity."

In conclusion, when speaking around the world, Lancaster also had to stand on what she called the "Madeline Albright box" to be seen over podiums. Today, thousands of young students and women from across the world stand on her shoulders, inspired by her example and empowered by her leadership to speak boldly, act bravely, and make their mark in the world.

May it be a comfort to her husband, Curt, their son, Douglas, who is with us today with his wife, and the entire Farrar family that so many people around the world mourn their loss, share their grief, and are praying for them at this sad time.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia said it best: "May she rest in peace for her long years of labor to make the world a better place."

UMITA

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, you can't turn on the TV this week without hearing about MIT economist Jonathan Gruber's comments that ObamaCare was passed by exploiting the lack of information given to the American people. In his comments, Gruber, a key architect of the legislation, called the lack of transparency involved in passing ObamaCare "a huge political advantage."

President Obama has claimed that his administration is the most transparent administration in history, but statements like Gruber's indicate otherwise.

It is long past time for Congress to require transparency from the executive branch. Earlier this year, a bipartisan majority in the House passed my bill, H.R. 899, the Unfunded Mandates

Information and Transparency Act, which we call UMITA. This bipartisan legislation would improve transparency and public disclosure of the true costs in dollars and in jobs that Federal dictates pose to the economy.

Asking the Federal Government to disclose the cost of a mandate in addition to its benefits should not be controversial. It is just plain common sense, Mr. Speaker. I call on the Senate to pass UMITA and put transparency back in government.

JONATHAN GRUBER'S STATEMENTS ARE SHOCKING BUT NOT SURPRISING

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, in 2009, President-elect Obama wrote a memo that his Presidency will usher in an unprecedented level of openness. But this week, it was revealed that the lead architect for the Affordable Care Act, Jonathan Gruber, capitalized on—his words now—the stupidity of the American people in passing the health care law. He further went on to say the lack of transparency is a huge political advantage and was critical to passing the law.

This insult to the American people is shocking, but it is hardly surprising. In 2011, the Energy and Commerce Committee uncovered evidence of secret meetings at the White House where they were setting the stage for the takeover of America's healthcare. At the time, their work was discounted. Old news, they said. But was it really?

The American people sent a message last week, and the message was they are not stupid. This administration, which finds value in opacity while talking transparency, needs to conduct its business in the light of day, exactly as they promised in 2009.

IRAN NUCLEAR NEGOTIANTS DEADLINE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, we are now less than 2 weeks away from the Iran nuclear negotiations deadline.

A deal that allows Iran to enrich any uranium and to keep in place its nuclear infrastructure is a bad deal. As long as Iran maintains the capability to enrich uranium, it can create a nuclear weapon.

The administration has always misinterpreted the goal of our sanctions. They are to compel Iran to completely abandon its nuclear pursuit.

As the deadline looms and as Republicans are set to control Congress, I urge my colleagues to not allow President Obama to trade away the only leverage we have over the mullahs in